

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brasher R1162

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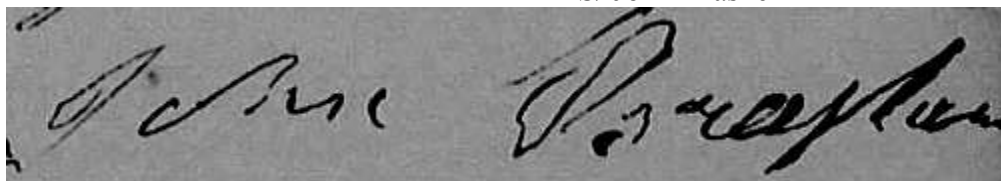
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State of Alabama Fayette County: County Court July Term 1834

On this 21st day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Walter Harkins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County Alabama John Brasher a resident of said County aged 74 years who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –. That he entered the service of the United States in the militia on the 11th day of February 1780 under the command of Captain John Taylor who was commanded by Colonel Maben [sic, John Mebane?] in Orange County North Carolina and was stationed in Hillsboro until I was discharged at said place sometime about the middle of May by Major McCawley. Again I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer some time in August 1780 in Orange County North Carolina under the command of Captain McCaure [?] who was commanded by Colonel Mebane and General Butler [John Butler] and marched from Orange County to the Red field Ford Hall River and from thence we were marched back into Orange County thence to Guilford Courthouse and was in the battle at Guilford Courthouse from thence we were marched several routes after the Tories below Guilford Courthouse and then back to Hillsboro when I was discharged by Colonel Mebane sometime in November 1781. During the last tour I was in actual service about 9 months, making in both tours of duty about 12 months and for such services I claim a pension. I had a regular discharge for each Term but they were both burned in my house about 30 years ago – I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can certify to my service, There is no Clergyman living in my neighborhood to certify to my declaration. I therefore refer to the annexed certificate of John G Morriss and Philip May. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Brasher

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Brasher". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John G Morriss and Philip May gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

- A. 1. I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1760
- A. 2. My age is recorded in my Father's Bible
- A. 3. When I was called into service I was living in Orange County North Carolina. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in South Carolina, Kentucky and now in Alabama.
- A. 4. The 1st time I was called into service I was drafted the next time I volunteered
- A. 5. General Green, General Lee, General Butler, Colonel Maben, &c.
- A. 6. My discharges were both burned in my house some 30 years ago. One discharge was given by Major McCawley the other by Col. Maben

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that the name of John Brasher does not appear on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war or any other document in this office affording evidence of service in said line.

Given under my hand this 14th day of February 1835

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Alabama Fayette County: Before me William Thompson an acting Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared John Brasher who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his entering the service and the time of his leaving the same but according to his best recollection, he entered the service in the Militia under Captain John Taylor and Colonel Maben on the 11th day of February 1780 and was discharged in May thereafter after being in actual service for three months and I also entered the service as a volunteer under the command of Captain McCauley and Colonel Maben in August 1780 and was in actual service under his command full nine months or more although we were not discharged from his command until some time in August 1781 but during that time the whole company was on furlough as well as recollected about three months, (at the time that a Tory Colonel by the name of Fannon [sic, David Fanning] was wounded) making in both tours full twelve months and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed the 3rd day of January 1835 before me

S/ William Thompson, JP

S/ John Brasher

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State of Alabama Fayette County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid John Brasher a resident of said County who being duly sworn deposeth and saith That in his first tour of duty under Captain Taylor he served under said Captain near two months and at Hillsboro was supposed that if we should be attacked by the enemy he would desert his post and one night we raised a false alarm in order to try him at which time he left the camp and for such conduct he was broke of his commission William McKee was then appointed in his stead and I served under his command the remainder of the time – which

was full three months from the time I entered the service and after I was discharged I returned home and remained there until August thereafter and the Tories became so troublesome in the neighborhood where I resided that I was compelled to leave home and at that time my cousin John Maben commanded a Regiment. I went and joined a Company in his Regiment under the command of Captain McCauley at a Quaker Meeting house about 4 miles from my residence. We then marched to Luttrell's Barracks from thence to the Seven Islands at Brown's Mills on Haw River where the Army was stationed for some considerable time during said time that Colonel detached myself with Thomas Ward, Caleb Williams and Jacob Black for the purpose of taking a Tory by the name of Holloway from which place we went to Cole's Bridge on Drowning Creek and there took him and returned to the mill with the prisoner and was then sent as a guard over him to Hillsboro, (at which place he was afterwards hung). I then returned to the troops at said Mills and in a short time after my arrival I was again detached with Thomas Ward and Abner Sherdon¹ in search of another Tory by the name of Simon Lindly whom we took on Deep River below Ramsours Mills and started to carry him to General Butler at Hillsboro who had offered a reward for him but within about 18 miles of Hillsboro he attempted to make his escape and I shot him so that he died in a few minutes. I then returned to the Army at said Mill and after I arrived I was again detached with others to go in search of one McCaul (who was then acting in the capacity of Major under Colonel Fanning) who we took on the East side of Haw River and on the way with him to Hillsboro one evening after dark he made his escape, (said McCaul was in a few days retaken and hung at Hillsboro). I then returned to the Army at said Mill and in a short time after my arrival we were marched to Hillsboro, during the time the Army was at Hillsboro I was detached as Sergeant of the guard over the wagons to go in quest of provisions about 40 miles from said place and after we returned the Army was marched to Whitesill's Mills² on Alamance [Creek] from which place we had a battle against the Tories (under the command of Colonel Fanning) from thence we were marched to Ramseys Mills thence to Brown's Mills thence to Hillsboro and remained there until sometime in the summer of 1781 and was discharged at said place after being in service full nine months or more during the whole of said time I acted as first Sergeant in the company and for such service I claim a pension. My discharges were both burned in my house some time after the war, and I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person living whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service and he has no reason to address why he was continued in service for so long a time as nine months only at the time he volunteered it was for the purpose of serving a twelve months tour but was discharged previous to that time. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 21st March 1835.

S/ B. W. Wilson, JP

S/ John Brasher

[attested by Jas. B. Morton, Clk]

¹ A veteran by the name of Abner Sheridan FPA S32519 describes having served in McCauley's company at the time mentioned by veteran.

² sic, Weitzell's Mill March 6, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/weitzell.htm>